

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim ~~[[1,]]~~ 7, comprising pressing means for pressing the movable middle portion against the first and the second end ~~ends~~ of the neutral conductor.
3. (Currently Amended) A switching device ~~according to claim 2 for~~ opening and closing an electric circuit, the switching device comprising:
a neutral conductor having a first end and a second end; and
a frame through which the neutral conductor is configured to pass,
wherein the neutral conductor comprises a movable middle portion that is
arranged for breaking the neutral conductor inside the frame,
wherein the movable middle portion has a first end and a second end, is
movable with respect to the first and second ends of the neutral conductor, and is
located between the first and second ends of the neutral conductor,
wherein the switching device further comprises pressing means for pressing
the movable middle portion against the first and second ends of the neutral
conductor, wherein the pressing means comprise:

~~one~~ a first screw member per each for the first end of the movable middle portion~~[[,]]~~; and

a second screw member for the second end of the movable middle portion,
wherein each the first and second screw member members each comprising
comprise a threaded portion and a head portion, and the diameter and
wherein, for each one of the first and second screw members, a diameter of
the head portion being is larger than that a diameter of the threaded portion.

4. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 3, wherein the movable middle portion comprises a first slot at its the first end of the middle movable portion and a second slot at its the second end of the middle movable portion,

wherein each slot forming an forms a corresponding opening extending
through the middle portion, and

wherein the threaded portions of the first and second screw members are
arranged to pass through the movable middle portion via the first and second slots,
respectively.

5. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 4, wherein ~~one~~ an end of the first slot at the first end of the movable middle portion is open.

6. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 5, wherein the second slot at the second end of the movable middle portion ~~is so long~~ has a
length that to enable the neutral conductor ~~can~~ to be broken by loosening the screw

members and by sliding the movable middle portion along the respective surface surfaces of the first and the second end ends of the neutral conductor towards the second end of the neutral conductor until the movable middle portion reaches a position where it the movable middle portion is not in a conductive contact with the first end of the neutral conductor.

7. (Currently Amended) A switching device ~~according to claim 1 for~~
opening and closing an electric circuit, the switching device comprising:
a neutral conductor having a first end and a second end; and
a frame through which the neutral conductor is configured to pass,
wherein the neutral conductor comprises a movable middle portion that is
arranged for breaking the neutral conductor inside the frame,
wherein the movable middle portion has a first end and a second end, is
movable with respect to the first and second ends of the neutral conductor, and is
located between the first and second ends of the neutral conductor, and
wherein the movable middle portion comprises a portion which is in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to ~~the~~ a plane in which the first and the second end of the movable middle portion are located.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 3, wherein the movable middle portion comprises a portion which is in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to the a plane in which the first and the second end of the movable middle portion are located.

11. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 4, wherein the movable middle portion comprises a portion which is in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to the a plane in which the first and the second end of the movable middle portion are located.

12. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 5, wherein the movable middle portion comprises a portion which is in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to the a plane in which the first and the second end of the movable middle portion are located.

13. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 6, wherein the movable middle portion comprises a portion which is in a substantially perpendicular plane with respect to the a plane in which the first and the second end of the movable middle portion are located.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 3, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device device, and

wherein the neutral conductor is ~~located~~ comprised in a control device module.

16. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 4, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device device, and wherein the neutral conductor is ~~located~~ comprised in a control device module.

17. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 5, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device device, and wherein the neutral conductor is ~~located~~ comprised in a control device module.

18. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 6, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device device, and wherein the neutral conductor is ~~located~~ comprised in a control device module.

19. (Currently Amended) A switching device according to claim 7, wherein the switching device is a modular switching device device, and wherein the neutral conductor is ~~located~~ comprised in a control device module.

20. (New) A switching device for opening and closing an electric circuit, the switching device comprising:

a neutral conductor having a first end and a second end; and

a frame through which the neutral conductor is configured to pass,

wherein the neutral conductor comprises a movable middle portion that is arranged for breaking the neutral conductor inside the frame,

wherein the movable middle portion has a first end and a second end, is movable with respect to the first and the second ends of the neutral conductor, and is located between the first and second ends of the neutral conductor,

wherein the switching device further comprises a pressing mechanism configured to press the movable middle portion against the first and second ends of the neutral conductor, wherein the pressing mechanism comprises:

a first screw member for the first end of the movable middle portion; and

a second screw member for the second end of the movable middle portion,

wherein the first and second screw members each comprise a threaded portion and a head portion, and

wherein, for each one of the first and second screw members, a length of the head portion is larger than a diameter of the threaded portion.

21. (New) A switching device according to claim 20, wherein the corresponding head portions of the first and second screw members each have a circular cross-section, and

wherein each length of the corresponding head portion is a diameter of the circular cross-section, respectively.

22. (New) A switching device according to claim 7, comprising a pressing mechanism configured to press the movable middle portion against the first and second ends of the neutral conductor.